

detecting an interaction between a user and the one or more user-interface elements, the interaction corresponding to an adjustment of the viewing parameter from a prior value to a new value; and

in response to detecting the interaction, adjusting the value of the viewing parameter for the image screen to the new value, wherein adjusting comprises,

adjusting image screen drive voltages to adjusted voltages corresponding to the new values, the pixels being receptive to the image screen drive voltages so that the pixel output levels respond to the adjusted voltages by providing an adjusted image;

wherein detecting an interaction between a user and the one or more user-interface elements includes detecting contact on the image screen at a location corresponding to where one of the one or more user-interface elements is being displayed, the location of the contact determining the new value of the viewing parameter.

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6. (No Change) The method of claim 1, wherein the image screen includes portions adapted for illumination by groups of pixels including a first portion configured for illumination by a first group of pixels, and wherein the adjusting includes:

maintaining the image screen drive voltages at low levels for one or more of the groups of pixels, and

adjusting the image screen voltages to adjusted voltages corresponding to the new values for the first group of pixels, the first portion covering less than approximately twenty-percent of the image screen, and wherein the method includes the portable computer displaying selected information only on the first portion.

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16. (Twice Amended) A portable computer comprising:  
an image screen comprising pixels, wherein the image screen is adapted to display items of information at levels corresponding to values of a viewing parameter, the values of the viewing parameter vary in response to image screen drive voltages, and different groups of the pixels have different image screen drive voltages;

a first input mechanism that is actuatable to initiate adjustment of viewing parameter values;

a processor; and

a memory coupled with the processor to:

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~~respond to actuation of the by displaying at least one graphical user interface element adapted for adjusting the viewing parameter values; and  
 detect contact applied to the image screen at a location where the graphical user interface elements are displayed;  
 respond to the contact by adjusting the values of the viewing parameter, each of the inputs including at least one of selecting and adjusting at least one of the graphical user interface elements, wherein the values of the viewing parameter are at least partially determined by a location of the contact.~~

~~26. (No Change) The portable computer of claim 16, wherein the more than approximately eighty percent of the pixels have a value of the viewing parameter corresponding to a first image screen drive voltage.~~

~~28. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein one of the one or more user-interface elements is a graphically displayed slider, detecting an interaction between a user and the one or more user-interface elements includes detecting contact on the image screen at a first location where the slider is displayed, the first location corresponding to the prior value, and detecting an interaction between a user and the one or more user-interface elements includes detecting continuous contact on the image screen from the first location to a second location after which the slider is displayed at the second location, the second location corresponding to the new value.~~

~~29. (New) The method of claim 28, wherein in response to receiving the activation signal, displaying one or more graphical user interface elements includes displaying an icon, and detecting an interaction between a user and the one or more user-interface elements includes detecting the user contacting the icon after moving the slider to the second position; and wherein the method further comprises accepting the new value of the viewing parameter for adjusting image screen drive voltages only if the user contacts the icon.~~

30. (New) The method of claim 28, wherein  
in response to receiving the activation signal, displaying one or more graphical  
user interface elements includes displaying the slider as being moveable along a bar,  
detecting an interaction between a user and the one or more user-interface  
elements includes detecting the user contacting the bar either to a left side or right side of  
the slider, wherein contact to one of the left side or right side corresponds to the new  
value being less than the prior value, and contact to the other of the left side or right side  
corresponds to the new value being greater than the prior value.

31. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein detecting contact on the image  
screen at a location corresponding to where one of the one or more user-interface  
elements is being displayed includes detecting a continuous contact on the image screen  
from a first position to a second position, where the second position determines the new  
value of the viewing parameter.

32. (New) A method for adjusting levels of a viewing parameter for an image  
screen disposed on a portable computer, wherein the image screen includes pixels having  
output levels, the method comprising:

maintaining the portable computer in a low power state until any one of a plurality  
of input mechanisms is actuated;

detecting a first input mechanism in the plurality of input mechanisms being  
actuated;

in response to detecting the first input mechanism being actuated,

switching the computer to an higher power state,

displaying on at least a portion of the image screen a content from  
a previous use of an application on the portable computer, and

displaying one or more graphic user-interface elements for

adjusting a value of a viewing parameter;

detecting continuous contact on the image screen corresponding to where one of  
the one or more user-interface elements is being displayed, the continuous contact  
extending between a first location and a second location, the second location of the  
contact determining a new value for the viewing parameter;

adjusting the value of the viewing parameter for the image screen to the new value by adjusting drive voltages of the image screen to correspond to the new value for the viewing parameter, the pixels being receptive to the image screen drive voltages so that the pixel output levels respond to the adjusted voltages by providing an adjusted image.

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33. (New) The method of claim 32, wherein displaying one or more graphic user-interface elements for adjusting a value of a viewing parameter includes displaying a slider that can be moved amongst a plurality of positions, including the first position and the second position.

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34. (New) The method of claim 32, displaying on at least a portion of the image screen a content from a previous use of an application on the portable computer includes displaying a most recently displayed content of the application prior to the portable computer being maintained in the low power state.

35. (New) The method of claim 32, displaying a most recently displayed content of the application prior to the portable computer being in the low power state includes displaying a most recently displayed content prior to the portable computer being maintained in the low power state.